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Policy Direction:

City Council intends that all funding for logistical and support services for abortion access allocated in the FY2020-21 budget be distributed through one or more deliverables-based agreements with providers, as a continuation of funds allocated for the same purpose in the FY2019-20 budget. Any resulting agreements or contracts will be administered by Austin Public Health in coordination with the Equity Office in order to serve the municipal purpose of reaching vulnerable populations experiencing hardship while seeking abortion care. Funds may support program development, coordination and outreach, as well as case management, and cover the costs of transportation, child care, or other services as needed.

Services should be available to clients who are Austin or Travis County residents without the funds necessary to coordinate these support services on their own, or who would experience hardship by doing so, which may be documented through attestation. Every effort should be made to protect the privacy of individuals served, which may include avoiding retaining personally identifiable information about clients longer than necessary. Efforts should be made to reduce the burden of documentation on clients to prove eligibility, including through the acceptance of attestation of residency when other forms of residency verification are burdensome.